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UNDERWOOD ATTEMPTS TO DECEIVE VOTERS OF COUNTY

Afraid To Send His Last Appeal To River Districts

WORKS AGAINST SPEERS ROAD

An eleventh hour attempt on the part of T. T. Underwood to prejudice the people of the northern and western sections of the county against the proposed bond issue, which the people are voting on today, was brought to light yesterday, and showed to what extent the promoters of the anti-bond campaign will go to deceive the people.

The circular was in shape of a small card and along similar lines to the circular of last week. It asked:

"Do you know the first road to be built according to the present plans is the River road from Speers to Coal Centre? Don't let the names blind you, but remember it is a continuation of the road from North Charleroi, home of Commissioner John O. Watson, goes within ten feet of Commissioner A. P. Barnum's home at Allenport to Coal Centre, the old home of Tom P. Sloan, at an estimated cost of $750,000, and that won't be enough."

This was a deliberate attempt on the part of Underwood to prejudice people in other parts of the county against the improvement of a road, for which the people of the up-river section have been praying for years. Moreover this roadway passes through the former home town of Underwood, and if any man in the county knows the condition of that highway and its absolute necessity, that man is T. J. Underwood. His circular was a deliberate slap at his old neighbors and against people who had supported him in the past and who had every reason to expect that he would favor the highway instead of trying to place it in such a light as to prejudice the people against it This road will not benefit John O. Watson any more than any other resident of Charleroi or North Charleroi; Commissioner Barnum would share benefits along with his neighbors and friends, while the reference to Tom P. Sloan is unjustified for Mr. Sloan will receive no benefit above any other citizen from this improvement. He favors good roads and he favors the improvement of the Speers-Coal Centre road because he knows the people living between Speers and Coal Centre are entitled to it and must have it if they are to have the benefit of at least one improved highway, which they have not at the present time.

Mr. Underwood further asks "Why wouldn't the coal companies be in favor of a million dollar bond issue? One mine in Washington county mines one acre of coal per day, assessed at $300 per acre; 300 acres per year, $90,000. At maturity of bonds this mine will have received a reduction of one million eight hundred thousand dollars. What then will they assess? The hole in the hill or the smoke that goes up the chimney? The man who owns a home on the surface will foot the bill?"

This another attempt to deceive the voter. Mr. Underwood seeks to convey the impression that all of the coal will be mined in Washington county before the bond issue will be paid off. Be not deceived. Coal companies will be mining coal in Washington county when Tom Underwood and his memory are forgotten. There are over 400,000 acres of unmined coal in Washington county today and when it is exhausted many generations will have come and gone.

Mr. Underwood was afraid to distribute his circular in the eastern end of the county. but the promoters of good roads and of the bond issue are doing it for him. They want to show the people among whom Underwood lives the steps he is taking to defeat the bond issue ever. though he must sacrifice the interests of his fellow citizens.

WANT DONORA CARS RUN TO RIVERVIEW

The borough council of Riverview is making an endeavor to have the Pittsburg Railways company extend the runs of the Donora cars to the Riverview switch instead of stopping at the sub-station as they do now. A hearing was held before council one evening last week, at which time Superintendent Yost presented the side of the railways company. The council members were not satisfied apparently with the outlook and have determined to take up the request with the Public Service Commission

GIBSONTON SOLDIER DIES AT CAMP DIX

Milo Hixenbaugh, aged 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hixenbaugh of Gibsonton, died at Camp Dix on Sunday last. The body arrived at the home of his parents at 11 o'clock this morning, and funeral services will be held Thurday afternoon with interment in Gibsonton cemetery.

Young Hixenbaugh was a soldier and served in overseas duty for about one year with the 33rd Engineers. He landed at Newport News on the first of June and was sent from there to Camp Dix to be mustered out of the service. While there he took ill with pneumonia. His condition became alarming on Thursday last and his parents were sent for. They immediately left for the Camp and were with their son until he died. The young man had many friends in Gibsonton who regret to learn of his death.

Coal Business Becoming Normal In Up-River Section

The coal business in the Fredericktown district has assumed almost normal conditions, and as a consequence prosperity has again returned to that community. The outlook is fine and the merchants are encouraged by the prospects of a busy summer.

After a shut-down of eight weeks Vesta No. 5 has resumed in full and it is estimated that about 1,000 men are now on the payroll, which means the distribution of large sums of money every two weeks.

The Clyde Coal company mine at Fredericktown is also operating steadily, and while the number of employes are not so large, yet the payroll of this operation is quite a factor in the affairs of the community.

The plant of the Fredericktown Coal & Coke company employes 150 men and with its continued operation has a daily output of about 1,100 tons daily.

The new plants on Ten Mile are running fairly well at the present time, with prospects of increasing their output. The Clarksville Coal and Coke company is in full operation and is reported to have more orders on hand than it can fill. The Champion Gas Coal Company and the Pilot Gas Coal company, located at Besco, are running about half time. The Husted-Seamans plant in East Millsboro is reported on about half time, while the Maxwell mine of the Frick company is operating to its capacity.

The Mathers colliery, near Jefferson, which shipped its first product two weeks ago, is increasing its output daily and before long it will be employing a great many more men. When shipping to capacity it will be one of the largest coal operations in that new field.

LUMBER CO. PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

The plant of the Stockdale Lumber Company at Stockdale, was almost completely destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock Monday evening, entailing a loss between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars.

The big lumber shed was fired by lightning, the bolt apparently striking it in the center and completely rending it, immediately after which the flames broke out and destroyed all of the lumber it contained. The office as well as the lumber shed was destroyed and it was almost three hours later before the flames were subdued. A railroad engine near there at the time rendered what assistance it could, using the water from its tank, which it filled a number times in order to provide means to combat the [illegible] to the lumber yard. Some rough lumber on the outside of the building was not damaged. The building and the contents were insured. The company has been in business since the first of the year.

WANTS IMPORTANT ROAD RE-OPENED

Editor Reiley of the Brownsville Telegraph, wants to know why the Pittsburg road, which leads out of Brownsville by way of the river, still remains closed to traffic. He says that it is now three years since this highway has been closed to traffic, but at present there appears to be no relief in sight in the way of having it reopened. A large amount of auto traffic went over this road daily, which now goes around through Searight's and thus Brownsville is the loser. It is said the contractor has a couple of men working on the highway, but that progress is almost at a standstill.

DONORA FIRE TRUCK HELPING MONESSEN

The Donora fire truck is on duty in Monessen, pumping out cellars along Donner avenue in that town, which were flooded by the heavy rain of last night. A number of of merchants have rigged up pumps and are clearing their cellars of water, which in many cases contained large amount of valuable goods. It will take Monessen several days to recover from the effect of the storm, the damage of which is now estimated somewhat less than the $100,000 mark fixed last night.

MODERN DINING ROOM AT STEEL PRODUCTS

A cafetaria in all its modern meaning, including service, facilites and equipment, will be in vogue at the new dining room of the Economical Club of the Pittsburg Steel Products company at the Monessen plant some time this week. With the completion of the new electrical building, triangular in shape and standing just over the fence from the street car line, this club has been provided with new quarters on the top floor. At least five times the space formerly occupied is gained by the improvement.

A modern freezing plant and grocery store for families of employees are further additions to the service for the men. The Products company furnishes the room, heat and light and music, while the Economical Club is run by the employes on a profit basis.

A feature of the new dining room service will be noon concerts of one hour by a ten-piece string orchestra led by George Wahlstrom leader of the Products band. The entire service tends greatly to satisfy a need of this body of over 1,600 men

DESTRUCTIVE STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN MONESSEN

BOND ELECTION IS PROGRESSING QUIETLY

The bond election is progressing very quietly in Charleroi, but it is confidently predicted that the town will give a heavy majority in favor of the project. The good roads boosters have several committees at work urging people to vote, and they are meeting with much success in their efforts in favor of the bond issue. The result of the ballot should be known early this evening, as it will require but a few minutes of the time of the different election boards to count the votes.

TO OPEN LOCAL BALL SEASON

If weather conditions are favorable Manager Arch Osborne hopes to inaugurate the local base ball season Thursday evening, at which time the Pittsburg Athletics will be the attraction. The ball park has been put in good shape, a big scraper with four horses attached being at work all day Monday in clearing the ground of debris left by the two carnivals which gave exhibitions on the grounds. The grand stand will also be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, so that all patrons may feel comfortable in occupying it.

The game will be called Thursday evening at 6:15 o'clock, and the locals will line up as follows: Urben second base, Boucher third base, Dawson left field, J. Guder right field, Russell middle, Phillips first base, Fillingham shortstop, Welsh catcher and Braithwood or Rapp pitcher.

The second game of the season will be played Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock, at which time the Beltzhoover team of Pittsburg will be the attraction.

INCREASED STAGE IN MONONGAHELA

The heavy rains of the past few days, many of which have occurred at the headwaters, have raised the Monongahela river several feet, but it will not interfere with navigation This is what old-time rivermen would have termed the "June rise" but as there is no coal to be shipped to southern points, the increased stage has lost its significance and its interest.

WITHDRAW ACTION AGAINST GAS CO

The protest against the ready-to-serve charge proposed by the Greensboro Gas company, by the citizens of Brownsville and South Brownsville has been withdrawn, and the Public Service Commission notified of the fact. This will end the action against the gas company on the part of the two boroughs.

Bricks Washed From Street Paving And Stores Flooded

LOSS ESTIMATED AT $100,000

Monessen was visited by the most destructive storm in its history about 9 o'clock Monday night. It is estimated that the damage will amount to at least one hundred thousand dollars, and it may even exceed these figures. The force of the flood coming down from the hills was so great that bricks were torn from the streets and gulleys ten feet deep washed in the cross-town highways.

Every store room on Donner avenue was flooded with at least a foot of water, while every cellar was filled to the ceiling. Thousands of dollars worth of goods were caught in the rush of water and were badly damaged. The streets were filled with debris, bricks and rubbish being piled up in promiscuous heaps. Automobiles left standing on the side streets were washed away and piled up quite a distance from where they had been parked. At Second, Third, Ninth and Twelfth streets the storm seemed to be the worst, or at least the greatest damage was done at these points. Third street suffered the greatest damage, as it was there the greater portion of the brick pavement was torn up by the force of the water and piled in a promiscuous heap. The subway leading to the park at the lower end of the town was filled with water and a large number of people who were attending a carnival now exhibiting there were for the time being unable to get home. In front of the grandstand in the park the water rose to a height of eight feet.

It will be several days before the people of Monessen can really arrive at a full estimate of the great loss they suffered by reason of the storm, but conservative judges now place the amount at one hundred thousand dollars. It will take some time for the town to recover from the effects of the storm, and place the streets back in their former condition.

CHANGING BREWERIES TO A "DRY" BASIS

Breweries in Westmoreland counties are being changed to a "dry" basis. The Crescent brewery at Turtle is being converted into a plant for making condensed milk, while the Victor and Greensburg brewing companies, operated by practically the same people are placing machinery for divorcing alcohol from the beer and making it "near beer."

The heavy rain of Monday evening which caused so much trouble in Monessen and other communities, did no damage in Charleroi.

Majestic Theatre Today

Mae Marsh in "Bondage of Barbara"

Tomorrow---"Once To Every Man"

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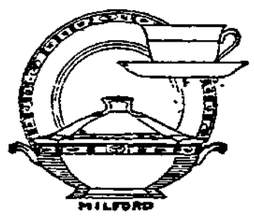
Dorothy Gish in a Paramount picture "PEPPY POLLY"

Tomorrow—Fatty Arbuckle in his latest 2 reel comedy, "Camping Out" also May Allison in a 5 reel Metro picture, "Castles In The Air"



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THE PASSING OF AUSTRIA

A hundred years ago Metternich was as eager to make Europe safe for autocracy as President Wilson is to make the world safe for democracy One inevitably thinks of the great Austrian reactionary, who long worked his will, now that the despotic empire he did so much to impose on subject peoples has crumbled and literally passed from view. Metternich would not only mourn for the fall of the mighty but complain that the world—his world—has come to an end. The Germans make a great outcry, but the peace treaty leaves their European empire practically intact and they still count a population of some fifty millions. The Austrians, on the other hand, as if stunned by the vastness of the calamity overtaking them, are silent before the spectacle of their crumbled empire and the remnant of territory left them with its mere six millions of population.

In striking contrast with the tragedy of Austria's fall is the joy of the new States that have attained their separate independence and are no longer in the power of the misgoverning Teutonic alien. The Hungary of old, the new Czecho-Slavia, the new Poland, the new Jugo-Slavia, are all at least twice the size of the new Austria. Whatever the difficulties ahead of them, whether their future be bright or clouded, these new States can now at least rejoice that they are free. While the Germany of old remains virtually intact with an all-Teutonic population, the Austria of history has passed. This is as it should be, for once mighty Austria lived not by the will of its parts but built its very foundations upon the yokes subject peoples were forced to carry upon their necks

TERRORISM

Terrorism does not pay as the Germans have found. The former Kaiser's advisers decided on a policy of "frightfulness," or savage and beastly methods of war, with a view to take the spirit out of their enemies and frighten the world in general. This insane policy of course had the opposite of the intended effect, stiffening the backs of the Allies, causing them to set their teeth in determination to bring bitter repentance upon the evil doers, and finally uniting practically the whole world against Germany.

This bit of recent history ought to be found instructive by the anarchists who sent infernal machines through the mails on May 1 and deposited bombs in eight American cities on June 2, with comparatively slight damage in each case compared with the full measure of murderous intent. Whatever the aim of terrorism of this sort, it will never be achieved. It can succeed only in uniting all men against the perpetrators and in annihilating any disposition of mercy toward such of the miscreants as may be caught. The creatures guilty of these atrocities are hamstringing instead of forwarding their schemes of social revolution, if indeed they have any such. For while making ready their own necks for the hangman's noose, they are building a wall of public execration around their theories and cutting the very ground from under all that they may have to propose or wish to proclaim. They are worse fools even than murderers.

County and township built roads of the past are not what the people demand. They want modern highways, that will stand up under modern travel. Roads that are good every day in the year. Those are the kind the state is going to build and those are the kind of specifications Washington county will adopt.

Good roads are an asset to any community and even a greater boon to a county. Let us show our faith in ourselves by voting for the bonds.

Misstatements about the bond issue and the cost of roads should not influence the thinking man.

YEAR RICH IN CENTENARIES

Natal Day Celebrations of Many Famous People Will Take Place During 1919.

This year of grace 1919 is rich in centenaries. To begin with, it is a hundred years since Queen Victoria appeared on Mother Earth—a centenary concerning which the monthlies will presently be waxing eloquent, London Tit-Bits states.

Another noted centenary of the present year is that of the famous old sea-dog, Admiral Rodney, the man in whom for years the French found so persistent an assailant, so doughty an adversary. 'Twas way back in 1819 that this old gentleman first delighted his friends with his presence. The centenary of W. E. Foster, the statesman, will also be celebrated this year. Few greater authorities on education than this gifted son-in-law of the great Doctor Arnold of Rugby ever breathed.

Among other worthies whose names must also be mentioned in this connection is that of John Campbell Sharp, the Wordsworthian poet and philosopher; Arthur Hugh Clough, the poet, and Charles Kingsley, the gifted author of that immortal thriller, "Westward Ho!"

Scotsmen will presently be doing honor to the memory of another noted individual whose centenary also falls this year—a man worthy of a happier fate—Donald Cargill, the great covenanter, who, it will be remembered, for daring to excommunicate the king, was executed at the Old Market Cross, Edinburgh. Neither must we forget George Eliot, the authoress of that unparalleled romance, "Adam

WORKERS NOT ALWAYS BUSY

Bustling Individual Sometimes Is Merely Carrying Out Ideas Evolved by Apparent "Loafer."

Secretary of War Baker was defending certain army officers who had been berated as chair warmers. "Some may be," he admitted, "but in most cases I am sure you will find that the very person whose position or work seems almost a sinecure, is doing big things, while often the person who is thoughtlessly given credit is not the real worker at all. Like the secretary's stenographer.

"'Who is that busy young woman telling that visiting committee where to get off?' asked the stranger.

"'Oh,' was the answer, 'she's the secretary's stenographer.'

"'What secretary?'

"'The secretary of the Bluffville chamber of commerce. That's him, reading the movie magazine in the back room. He's the "live wire" you read so much about in the daily papers.'"

Forcing Plants by Light.

To force the growth of plants by the use of artificial light is not a new idea, but the system hitherto has been too expensive in proportion to obtainable results.

Recently a man engaged in horticulture discovered an efficacious method of applying light for this purpose. Arranging in winter quarters his plants as he wished them to grow, he supplies a lamp with mercury vapor for fuel and the seeds germinate in less than half the ordinary time, while the vigor and intensity of the color of the flowers is superior to that of the product grown naturally.

Another curious phenomenon noticed in connection with this action of light is an infinite multiplication of the downy substance commonly found on stems. Those grown in shadow have the stems relatively bare. Very good practical results have been obtained by this system.

Hot Blast of Volcanoes.

Writing in the Monthly Weather Review George N. Cole sets forth detailed arguments to prove that the hot blast which swept over the city of St. Pierre during the eruption of Mont Pelee, as well as similar blasts in connection with the eruption of Vesuvius that destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum, the eruption of Taal, Sakurajima, etc., derived its heat from the sudden compression of the air surrounding the volcano, and not from conditions in the volcano itself. In other words, it was not, according to this hypothesis, an outpouring of hot crater gases that caused the destruction, but the dynamic heating of the air attending the propagation of the explosion wave.

Admiralty's Humor.

The British admiralty has a sense of humor, and occasionally displays it in official documents.

An old sea captain wrote to the department complaining, more in sorrow than in anger, of the way in which his ship had been dazzle-painted: "First you make me look like a parrot, and then you make me look like a haystack, and I don't want to look like either." He got back the official reply:

"We don't want you to look like either a parrot or a haystack, but we do want you to look like as if your stern was where your head ought to be."

Mines Threaten Shipping.

Naval authorities say it will be several years before the waters of Europe are entirely free of floating mines. Many of the German mines destroyed by allied trawlers were found to have been moored by ropes. When the rope rotted the mines broke from their anchorages and drifted in many cases to the main line of steam travel.

NEW GAME LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT

House Bill No. 419, giving the State Game Commissioner authority to issue checks direct to claimants for bounty has been signed by the Governor and since June 1 st, 1919 has been the law of the state. Under the provisions of this Act a bounty of $8.00 will be paid for wild cats, $1.00 for a mink and $2.00 each for foxes and weasels.

The skins of all animals for the killing of which a bounty is claimed must be sent to the office of the State Game Commissioner by the claimant, just as they are sent when the affidavit is made before a justice of the peace. The skin must not be mutilated and the affidavit must clearly state when as well as where the animal in question was killed, if the claimant hopes to profit by the increased bounty. Special Deputy Game Protectors are authorized by the Act to take affidavits of this character and are entitled to the same fee that a Justice could claim for like services, but must supply himself with a proper identifying seal at his own expense. A paid Game Protector is not entitled to such a fee.

The state highway department will not delay in getting to work on good roads in this county, if we approve the bond issue. Engineers will be right on the job surveying important roads which will come first under the progressive program. Let us help along the good work by voting for bonds.

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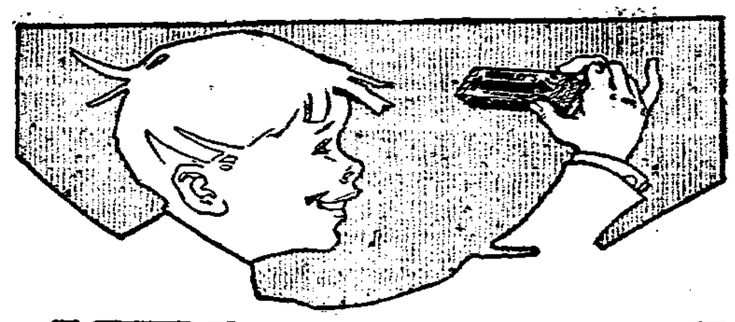

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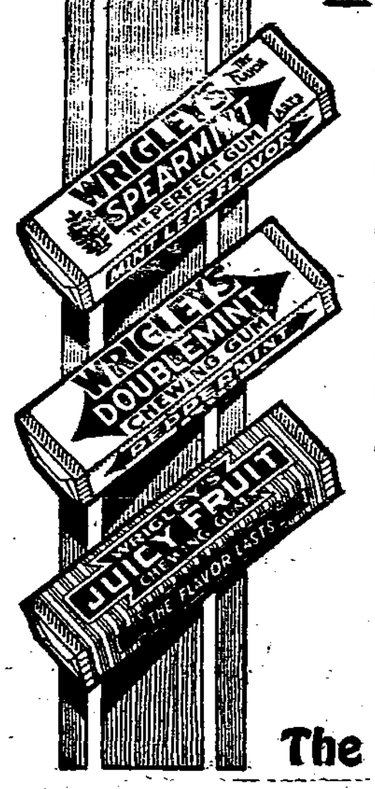

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